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DURING CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR REPORTED IN REFTEL,
STATE SECRETARY FRANK MENTIONED THAT A MEETING OF THE

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ARAB LEAGUE WAS PLANNED FOR MAY 20 TO DISCUSS ARAB-EC
COOPERATION ON THE BASIS OF A PAPER PREPARED BY RIAD.

WHEN GERMANS MET WITH RIAD DURING BRANDT VISIT TO CAIRO,
FRANK SAID, IT WAS AGREED IN A GENERAL WAY THAT IT
WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA FOR THE FRG, AS CURRENT HOLDER OF
EC PRESIDENCY, TO HAVE A LOOK AT THE PAPER BEFORE MAY
20. THE PURPOSE OF THIS REVIEW, ACCORDING TO FONOFF
MID-EAST DIRECTOR REDIES, WITH WHOM WE HAVE SUBSEQUENTLY
DISCUSSED THE MATTER, WOULD BE TO ENSURE THAT THE ARABS
DID NOT REACH AN AGREED POSITION FOR TALKS WITH THE EC
WHICH MIGHT CONTAIN "UNWELCOME SURPRISES" FOR THE
EUROPEANS. REDIES DID NOT SAY THERE WAS FIRM AGREEMENT
ON ARRANGEMENTS FOR FRG REVIEW OF RIAD'S PAPER, BUT HE
IMPLIED IT WOULD BE DONE. HE DOES NOT EXPECT FURTHER
DISCUSSION OF THE MID-EAST BY EC MINISTERS UNTIL
SEVERAL WEEKS AFTER THE FRENCH ELECTION.
HILLENBRAND

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